

Guidelines for OVHA Coverage

Item: Jaw motion rehabilitation devices

Definition: A mechanical device that increases mouth opening by providing a passive stretch to the mandibular musculature.

Guidelines: A jaw motion rehabilitation device may be appropriate when:

- Beneficiary has a medical condition that results in jaw hypomobility AND
- Trial of less expensive jaw motion rehabilitation techniques (use of flat blade tongue depressors) have been demonstrated to be unsuccessful through a course of comprehensive treatment with a physical therapist OR
- Beneficiary has experienced an oral cancer tumor resection with radiation, which can lead to fibromyositis, and requires post operative use of the jaw motion rehabilitation device in conjunction with treatment by a physical therapist to prevent jaw hypomobility.

Applicable Codes:

E1700 Jaw motion rehabilitation system

E1701 Replacement cushions for jaw motion rehabilitation system, package of 6.

E1702 Replacement measuring scales for jaw motion rehabilitation system, package of 200.

Cautions: A comprehensive program is imperative for optimal results. Use of the device alone is not sufficient for optimal results.

Examples of Diagnosis: Oral cancer with resection of tumor and radiation resulting in hypomobility.

Required documentation:

Current, complete Certificate of Medical Necessity.

Supporting documentation demonstrating that the beneficiary has had resection of an oral tumor with radiation AND that the beneficiary is receiving comprehensive physical therapy treatment to regain range of motion OR

Supporting documentation demonstrating via the use of objective and measurable parameters, that the beneficiary has been unsuccessful at regaining jaw range of motion despite a comprehensive physical therapy program that includes the use of traditional stretching tools such as tongue depressors.

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